

THINK ACADEMY

December 2023 Newsletter



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Dec. 1st

NO SCHOOL
Record Keeping Day

Dec. 4th - 8th

Holiday Workshop

Dec. 7th

PTS Meeting @ 5:30 pm
*Wear Festive Socks

Dec. 8th

Progress Reports Available
*Wear Red, Green & workout clothes

Dec. 9th

Run Run Rudolph 5K
Rudolph Country Christmas

Dec. 12th

*Wear favorite snow gear (earmuffs, scarf, hats, gloves)

Dec. 15th

4k Fieldtrip to SWC Ice Rink
*Wear Neon and/or Holiday lights, glitter, sparkle & shine

Dec. 19th

Holiday Concert at LHS/PAC 5:30pm
doors open, 6pm Concert

Dec. 21st

*Wear Pajamas

Dec. 22nd

Classroom Parties
2:30-3:30

*Dress as favorite holiday character

Dec. 25th - Jan. 1st

NO SCHOOL
Winter Break

Dear THINK Academy Families,

December 1, 2023

This time of year reminds us of the many reasons that we are grateful. As I think about the THINK community, I am constantly reminded of how incredible and amazing our students are. I love hearing their stories, hearing about what they enjoy at school as well as outside of school, and seeing them excited! I am grateful for our outstanding staff who go above and beyond to support our students each and every day. I am grateful for our parents/guardians and families for your continued support of THINK Academy!

In November, we had an opportunity to honor the Veterans in our community. This was such a special event as students sang songs and read poems for them. Thank you to those who were able to attend this event.

This December is filled with school traditions and special activities. The THINK Holiday Concert will be Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center (PAC). Mrs. Trudi Bergerson, our music teacher has been busy working with students to prepare them for the concert. The Holiday Workshop will take place December 4-8. The Run Run Rudolph Race is on Saturday, December 9. We will have our annual Christmas/winter classroom parties on Friday, December 22. This is certainly a joyous time of year!

November 30, 2023 marked the end of the first trimester. Progress reports will be available online by the evening on December 8. Additionally, we will be sending copies of progress reports home on Friday, December 8.

As the weather continues to become colder, students need to wear hats, gloves, a winter coat, boots and snow pants for recess. Students will be going outside for recess unless it is too cold or the weather is too wet. If students do not have boots and snow pants, they will not be allowed to play in the snow. If you need support in obtaining snow gear for your children, (hats, gloves, snow pants, boots), please contact Olivia Baehman at olivia.baehman@wrps.net or Amy Fuller at THINK Academy.

Winter Break will begin on Saturday, December 23, 2023 and students will return on Tuesday, January 2, 2023. On behalf of the THINK Academy staff, I wish you a wonderful holiday season and hope you enjoy this time with your family.

Gratefully,

Christine Slattery
Principal



THINK Academy

Holiday Concert

What: Holiday Concert for THINK Academy

Where: Performing Arts Center (PAC) in Wis. Rapids

When: Tuesday, December 19th, 2023

Time: Doors open @ 5:30 pm , Concert starts @ 6:00 pm



We hope to see you there!

Students dress in holiday attire if possible.

Free and open to the public, the more the merrier!

Holiday Workshop is the first week of December!

Students love to buy presents for their loved ones. All proceeds go back to the community for those in need.

We are still in need of volunteers to help students shop and wrap gifts in gift bags. Please call the office if you are able to help. (715) 424-6784



Note:

Envelopes will be coming home for each student on Monday. This envelope serves as a list of people to buy for along with a place to contain their shopping money. Items are priced \$0.25, \$0.50 and \$1.00.

4K—2nd Grade will get an envelope with tags in it. Please complete the list on the outside of the envelope and also fill out the tags inside for people the students will purchase gifts for.

3rd—5th Grade will only get an envelope. Tags will be provided for them at school to fill out but they should still fill out the list on the envelope. This will remind them of who to buy for.

Thank you for your support of this school-wide project! Your donations are appreciated! Happy Holidays!

THINK Academy Staff

WINTER FOOD DRIVE

This winter, join us in making a difference by contributing to our Winter Food Drive. Let's come together to provide warmth and nourishment to those in need!

All donations will be given to THINK families!

NOVEMBER 30TH - DECEMBER 21ST

Please donate non-perishable food items - high protein and nutritious foods!

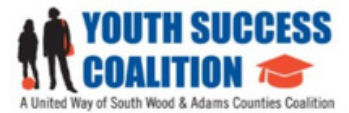
Examples: canned meats, canned fruits, canned vegetables, peanut butter, canned & boxed meals, beans, rice, pasta, cereal, granola bars, etc.

Many opportunities to donate:

-  **Family Reading Night** - November 30th
-  **Run, Run, Rudolph** - December 9th
-  **THINK Holiday Concert** - December 19th

Students, parents, and community members can also donate at school any day Monday - Friday at the office

If you have any questions, please reach out:
Kim Martin (kimberly.martin@wrps.net),
Amy Fuller (amy.fuller@wrps.net) or
Olivia Baehman (olivia.baehman@wrps.net)
or call THINK Academy at 715-424-6784



Find Fun at McMillan Library: Events & Activities For All Ages!

Did you know McMillan Library has year-round programming for children and teens?! Here are some highlights happening at the library!

Teen Game Day

2-4pm, December 1st & 28th

Enjoy snacks, PS5, Nintendo Switch, & tabletop games with others!

Teen Anime Matinee

2-4:30pm, December 9th

Watch anime with friends!

Teen Lego Build Day

2-4pm, December 27th

Have snacks, build cool stuff.

Family Take Home Kits

Learn to knit at your own pace—yarn & instructions included! Sign up ahead and pickup on December 29th.

Family Movie Night

6pm, December 12th

Enjoy a showing of the new Super Mario Bros. Movie!

Taylor's Version Celebration

4:30-6pm, December 21st

All ages of Swifties are invited to dress as their favorite era & party like it's 1989! Enjoy snacks, trivia, a photo booth, and supplies for friendship bracelets and paper rings!



Rainy Day

Play Gear


We want to provide more outdoor learning and play opportunities for our 4K students in all weather, including rainy days. Young children learn through play and experiences; we have created a Donor's Choose Project to help provide rain gear and storage for the gear for our WRPS 4K classrooms.

Click the Donor's Choose icon below for more information on how you can help.



New donations will be matched at 1.5x on 11/28 for Giving Tuesday. A \$20 donation becomes a \$30 donation.



 Rainy Day Play



Proper Dress for Recess

Above 50		Short Sleeves ☺
40-50		Long Sleeves
0-39 Wind-Chill *****		Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves, Boots, Snow Pants
Below 0 Wind-Chill		10 min. Recess
-10 Wind-Chill		No Outside Recess

Cold Weather Recess/Playground Procedures:

- 0 degrees, students will not play outside for more than 10 minutes at a time.
- 10 degrees below 0 degrees, children will not go outside at all.
- Short sleeve recess: 50+ on the wind-chill thermometer
- Long sleeve recess: 40 - 49 on the wind-chill thermometer
- Winter clothes: -10 to -39 on the wind-chill thermometer



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Annalee Esser, Alaina Vollert, Colt Francis, Mrs. Klein, Adrian Graf, Emma Hamm, Alejandro Kizewski, Hudson Polansky, Thomas Chambers, Eric VanAsten, Kelton Armagost, Sophie Khang, Jameson Hucke, Logan Duckett, Matthew Wilhelm, Ms. Slattery, Phoenix Challoner, Kinsley Slattery, Lauren Ledesma, Leo Weiler, Isaiah Molepske, Wade Linzmeier, Chloe Duckett, Mrs. Fuller (Ms. Amy), Mrs. Martin, Ms. Amy Modrzewski, Rory Nieman

December Birthdays

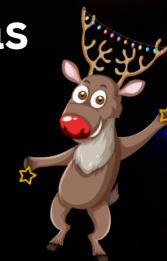
Rudolph Country Christmas Parade Float!

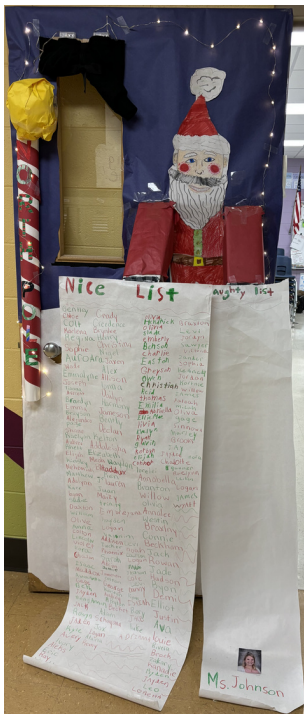
We have a float for the parade!


Meet at the THINK parking lot to help assemble and get directions should you want to walk the parade or ride the float!

(5:15 pm) Float leaves at 6:00 pm

We would love for THINK Families to join the fun!





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Be sure to "LIKE" our THINK Academy Face Book Page!



Help a classroom win a pizza party! VOTE on Facebook for your favorite doors!





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PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



**2023-2024 ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY STATEMENT
INCLEMENT WEATHER DAY PROCEDURES**

CANCELLATION

If bad weather during the night makes it impossible for buses to run in the morning, the following procedure will be used:

Announcements will be made using our Skylert system for parents, posts on the WRPS District webpage (www.wrps.org), the Nixle alert system, and also reported to these media outlets **as early as possible**, but in no case later than 6:30 a.m.:

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|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| WGLX (103.3 FM) | WFHR (AM 1320) | WSPT (97.9 FM) | WAXX (104.5 FM) | WIFC (95.5 FM) |
| BIG CHEESE (107.9 FM) | WDLB (AM 1450) | WKQH (B 104.9FM) | WAYY (AM 790) | WDEZ (101.9 FM) |
| WYTE (106.5 FM) | WLJY (105.5 FM) | WPCN (AM 1010) | I-94 (94.1 FM) | WRIG (AM 1390) |
| HOT (96.7 FM) | WOSQ (92.3 FM) | WAOW-TV 9 | WSAW-TV 7 | WOZZ (94.7 FM) |
| | | | | WSAU (AM 550
or 99.9FM) |

EARLY DISMISSAL

If bad weather develops during the morning while school is in session, the following procedure will be used:

- ◆ Lunches will be served before the students are dismissed. (There is no lunch for 4K students.)
- ◆ Buses will run according to the following schedule:

Middle School	12:00 p.m.	
Assumption High School	12:10 p.m.	
Lincoln High School	12:20 p.m.	
River Cities High School (a.m. session)	11:00 a.m. (as usual)	<i>** Afternoon RCHS sessions will be canceled.</i>
Elementary Schools (Public & Parochial)	1:00 p.m.	<i>** Afternoon early education unit sessions will be canceled.</i>
Morning 4-Year Old Kindergarten Session	10:45 a.m.	<i>** Afternoon 4K sessions will be canceled.</i>

Announcements of the early dismissal will be made on the above listed stations by 10:00 a.m., advising parents that their children will be sent home early.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

If an event or trip is canceled, it is the responsibility of the coach/advisor to inform the participants (the news stations listed above may be used for this communication). The safety of our students and staff is the primary consideration when making these decisions. While the "importance" of an event, the difficulties of rescheduling, and other inconveniences are recognized; safety is the only issue that is a factor in these decisions. Your cooperation, understanding, and assistance in these matters will be appreciated.

Questions regarding this Administrative Policy Statement should be referred to Superintendent Craig Broeren at 715-424-6701.

Craig Broeren
Superintendent

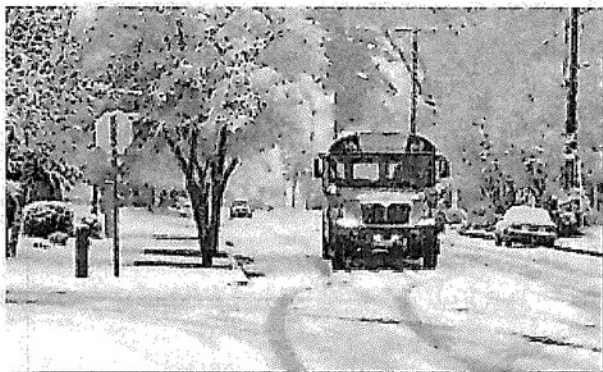


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Facebook account, or
follow us on Twitter to
get up-to-date weather
closure information!*

How does school get canceled due to weather?



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Parents may be interested to know how school closure decisions get made when inclement weather sweeps across our area. The number one priority in every closure decision is the safety of our students, and what is in the best interest of all students. When schools close, we lose valuable learning time with your child(ren), and many families have concerns or complications surrounding childcare. Furthermore, there may be times when parents feel differently about whether school should be open or closed based upon the weather. Should this happen, the District encourages parents to make a decision that they believe is best for their child's health and safety.

Decisions to close school are not taken lightly; and a great deal of thought and communication is involved in the process. Following are some details about what is involved in the weather-related school closure process, and how a final decision gets made:

As the Superintendent of Schools, I monitor weather conditions relative to snow/ice precipitation and gather input and feedback from all appropriate sources including meteorologists, transportation providers, and area highway personnel and/or law enforcement agencies that have personnel out driving on our roadways. Additionally, in cases of extremely cold temperatures and/or wind chills, a decision to close generally comes into play when temperatures will continue to remain around 35 degrees below zero or lower.

I will make every attempt to make a school closure decision as early as possible, and in no case later than 6:30 a.m. of the morning when school is to be in session. When feasible, decisions are made on the evening prior to the school day so that parents can make the appropriate arrangements necessary for childcare, if needed. Unfortunately, this early decision is not always possible given the unique weather patterns of Wisconsin.

You can find out about school closure decisions in a variety of ways:

- ⇒ Through email, text, and phone alerts generated by our Skylert notification system - you can sign up for these alerts through your "Family Access" account
- ⇒ By liking the District Facebook page, you will see inclement weather-related posts

from WRPS come up in your newsfeed (facebook.com/wrpsdistrict)

- ⇒ By going to our www.wrps.org webpage - weather closure alerts get posted at the top of the main District page, once a decision has been made
- ⇒ You can sign up for community related alerts through Nixle and receive a variety of school district, law enforcement, and other notifications for our area which you may find of interest
- ⇒ By listening to local radio and television news stations

Note that when school gets canceled, all other activities scheduled in school buildings for that day are also canceled. As outlined in Board Policy 723.1, **it is possible that certain dates will be designated as Remote Learning Days** - your school will individually communicate more about expectations for students on these dates when they occur.

Once school begins for the day, schools generally will not dismiss early unless absolutely necessary in order to avoid complications with transportation and childcare arrangements. Again, the safety of our students is always at the forefront of the decision-making process.

A decision to close during the school day will occur by 10:00 a.m., and lunches will be served to students in grades KG-12 before they are dismissed. **Middle school students will be dismissed first at 12:00 p.m., followed by Lincoln High students at 12:20 p.m.; and the elementary students will dismiss last at 1:00 p.m.** Afternoon sessions for our 4K and River Cities High School programs are automatically canceled if we close early. Communication to parents about an early release is similar - via Skylert, our District webpage and social media pages, Nixle, and various local media outlets.

School closure decisions are not always popular, and I can appreciate that parents may have different opinions about whether or not school should be canceled. Again, we always leave the final decision up to parents about whether to keep their child(ren) home if they feel this is best for their circumstance.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and support when school closure decisions become necessary on inclement weather days. The decisions are not always easy, but they are definitely made with the best interest of all students in mind.

If you have questions concerning this information, feel free to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Broeren'.

Craig Broeren
Superintendent
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December 2023 Breakfast Menu

Menu Items Subject To Change

Paid - \$1.50 / Free & Reduced - No Charge /Adult \$2.60 / Child Visitor \$1.25
Grant, THINK Academy & Woodside



WG = Whole Grain

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 No School Professional Development Day
4 Cold Cereal Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	5 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Choice of Fruit Milk	6 Bagel with Cream Cheese Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	7 Whole Grain Muffin Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk	8 Cheese Omelet WG Toast Choice of Fruit Milk
11 Cold Cereal Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	12 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Choice of Fruit Milk	13 Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit Milk	14 Homemade Granola Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk	15 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Burrito Choice of Fruit Milk
18 Cold Cereal Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	19 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Choice of Fruit Milk	20 Bagel with Cream Cheese Cheese Stick Choice of Fruit Milk	21 Whole Grain Muffin Yogurt Choice of Fruit Milk	22 Cheese Omelet WG Toast Choice of Fruit Milk
25 No School Winter Break	26 No School Winter Break	27 No School Winter Break	28 No School Winter Break	29 No School Winter Break

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December 2023 - Elementary Lunch Menu

All Meals Offer 8 oz Serving of Milk - Choices Include - 1%, Skim, Skim Chocolate
Menu Items Subject To Change
Cold Meat And Ham Items are Made with Turkey Meat
WG = Whole Grain

Daily Lunch Prices

Paid - \$2.15
Reduced - \$.40
Adult - \$4.65 / Child Visitor -\$3.00
Extra Milk- \$0.45

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 No School Professional Development Day
4 1* Breaded Chicken Patty on Whole Grain Bun OR 2 *Beef Taco Quesadillas / Salsa Vegetarian Baked Beans Fresh Vegetable Variety Fresh Fruit Variety	5 1* Whole Grain Toasted Cheese Sandwich OR 2* Turkey Sandwich on WG Bun Tomato Soup / Saltine Crackers Fresh Vegetable Variety Fresh Fruit Variety	6 1* Turkey in Gravy OR 2* Crunchy Fish Sticks Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Fresh Vegetable Variety Fresh Fruit Variety	7 1* Portesi Whole Grain Cheese Fries / Pizza Sauce OR 2* Breakfast Power Pack Fresh Vegetable Variety Fresh Fruit Variety	8 1* Hot Ham & Cheese on Whole Grain Pretzel Bun OR 2* Falafel Pita w/Diced Cucumbers & Tomatoes / Tzatziki Sauce Fresh Vegetable Variety Fresh Fruit Variety
11 1* BBQ Pulled Pork on WG Bun OR 2* Turkey Hot Dog / WG Bun Seasoned Potato Wedges Fresh Vegetable Variety Fresh Fruit Variety	12 1* Whole Grain Cheese Filled Breadsticks / Pizza Sauce OR 2* Chicken Drumstick w/ WG Bun Fresh Vegetable Variety Fresh Fruit Variety	13 1* Homemade Chili / Saltines OR 2* Yogurt / String Cheese Whole Grain Rotini Fresh Vegetable Variety Fresh Fruit Variety	14 1* Popcorn Chicken / Sauces / Whole Grain Breadstick OR 2* Ham Sandwich on WG Bun Fresh Vegetable Variety Fresh Fruit Variety	15 1* Cheeseburger / Bun / Pickles OR 2* Breaded Fish Patty / Bun Fresh Vegetable Variety Fresh Fruit Variety
18 1* Teriyaki Chicken OR 2* Crunchy Fish Sticks Brown Rice Fresh Vegetable Variety Fresh Fruit Variety	19 1* Soft Shell Pork Taco w/ Cheese OR 2* Cheese Quesadilla Lettuce / Tomatoes / Salsa Fresh Vegetable Variety Fresh Fruit Variety	20 1* Baked Chicken Nuggets / Sauces / Whole Grain Roll OR 2* Pizzable Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Vegetable Variety Fresh Fruit Variety	21 1* Italian Meatsauce / Whole Grain Spaghetti / Breadstick OR 2* Ham & Cheese Wrap Fresh Vegetable Variety Fresh Fruit Variety	22 1* Wenzel's Farm Beef & Pork Hot Dog / Whole Grain Bun OR 2* Baked Potato w/ Ham & Cheese / Whole Grain Roll Steamed Broccoli Fresh Vegetable Variety Fresh Fruit Variety
 25 No School Winter Break	26 No School Winter Break	27 No School Winter Break 	28 No School Winter Break	29 No School Winter Break 

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